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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: 1999 Endangered Species series**

Stamps

1. On Thursday, 22 April 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 12 stamps depicting endangered species of fauna. This will be the seventh set of stamps in UNPA's multi-year series on endangered species which was launched on 3 March 1993 to highlight the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world. The issue will consist of three sheets of 16 stamps in denominations of 33 cents, F.s. 0,90 and S 7. Each sheet will illustrate four different endangered species.

(United States equivalents — F.s. 0,90: 64 cents and S 7: 59 cents — subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 April 1999

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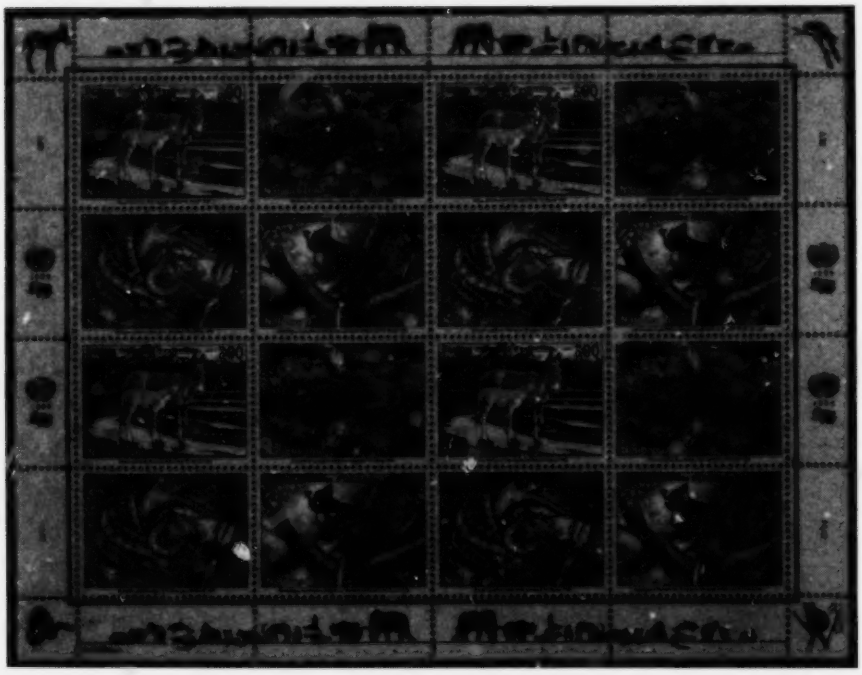
Denomination:
33 cents

Endangered species:

Tiger
Secretary bird
Green Tree python
Long-tailed chinchilla

Designer:
Jimmy Wang
(China)

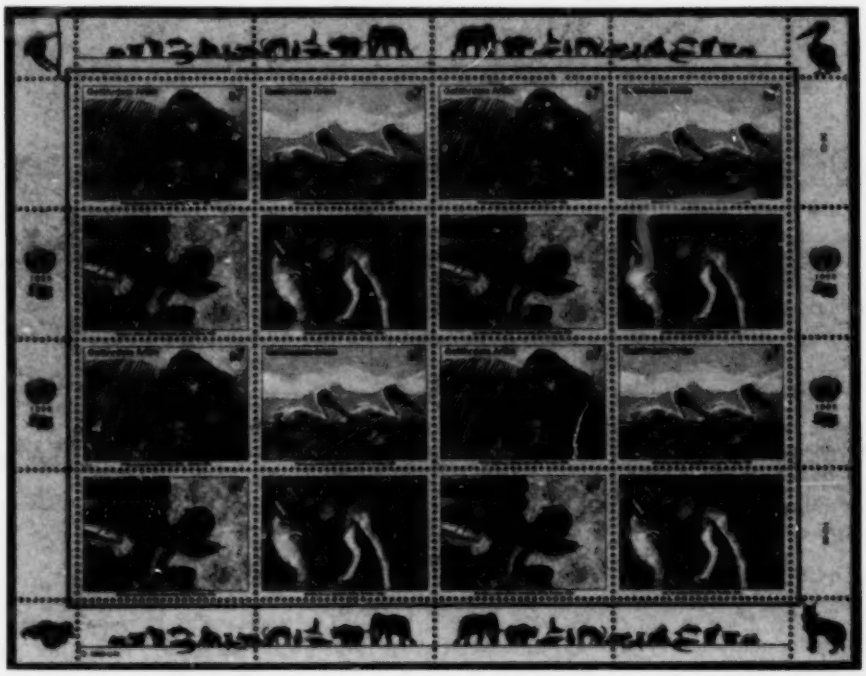


Denomination:
F.s. 0,90

Endangered species:

Asiatic wild ass
Hyacinth macaw
Jamaican boa
Bennett's tree-kangaroo

Designer:
Tim Barrall
(United States of America)



Denomination:
S 7

Endangered species:

Orang-utan
Dalmatian pelican
Yellow anaconda
Caracal

Designer:
Jeffrey Terreson
(United States of America)

Maximum cards

2. The eighteenth set of UNPA's maximum cards will also be issued on 22 April 1999. Three different cards will be produced to accommodate the three different se-tenant blocks of four stamps being issued. To conform with the maximum cards issued for the Endangered Species series in prior years, each maximum card will reproduce photographs of the species appearing on each of the stamps in the se-tenant block. The appropriate se-tenant blocks of stamps will be affixed and cancelled "First day of issue" for each respective office. The maximum card cancelled "United Nations New York" will sell for $1.62. The card cancelled "United Nations Geneva" is priced at $2.85, while the card cancelled "United Nations Vienna" is priced at $2.65, subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

1999 Endangered Species Annual Collection

3. On 22 April 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration will release the 1999 Endangered Species Annual Collection folder of single mint stamps.

4. The 1999 Annual Collection will be contained in a specially designed album. The album devotes separate pages to each of the 12 endangered species. Descriptive information is provided in English, French and German, and each stamp is beautifully highlighted by a colourful array of photographs relative to the species. It should be noted that the Endangered Species series WILL NOT be included in the Annual Collection albums to be issued later in 1999.

5. The stamps are not affixed inside the album, although spaces and mounts have been provided for that purpose.

Triple-cancelled Endangered Species Annual Collection folder

6. Since the 1999 Endangered Species Annual Collection folder will contain stamps in all three denominations, special arrangements have been made by UNPA to make available to its collectors the Endangered Species collections in which the stamps will be affixed and cancelled "22 April 1999", the first day of issue, in New York, Geneva and Vienna, as appropriate.

7. The policy of offering triple cancellations for the Endangered Species Annual Collection will continue throughout the duration of this series.

General information

8. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachet ONLY. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 22 April, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>.